

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Proposals for 1630 MW capacity have been received from the private entrepreneurs for setting up power projects in Tamil Nadu. The names of the parties are Tamil Nadu Industries Captive Power Company Limited promoted by M/s. G. M. Swamy Associates & Southern Energy Development Corporation.

[Translation]

#### **Air Services in Rajasthan**

1894. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is lack of proper air travel facility for the foreign tourists intending to visit Rajasthan.

(b) whether the Government of Rajasthan has sent a proposal for introducing air service for Bombay-Surat-Bhilwara - Jaipur - Sirohi - Ahmedabad, Delhi - Jhunjhunu - Bikaner - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur, Delhi - Jaipur - Ajmer and Udaipur - Ahmedabad - Bombay routes keeping in view the commercial and tourists potential;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which decision would be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, such proposal has been received from the Government of Rajasthan. However, there are requests from time to time for linking more places in Rajasthan by air services.

(c) to (e) Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur and Jaisalmer are connected by air services. Introduction of new air services depends both on availability of airports as well as on traffic potential and commercial viability.

#### **Vayudoot Service for Sirohi in Rajasthan**

1895. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has constructed air strips at 14 different places;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce Vayudoot service for Sirohi; and

(c) if so, the time by which this air service is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) According to the Government of Rajasthan they have so far constructed the following airstrips:—

1. Hamirgarh (District Bhilwara).
2. Sirohi.
3. Banswara.
4. Dungarpur (partly constructed).
5. Nagaur (under construction).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### **Railway Line from Sawai-Madhopur to Bikaner and Jodhpur**

1896. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any scheme to lay broad-gauge line from Sawai Madhopur to Bikaner and upto Jodhpur;

(b) whether any railway route would be provided between Sawai Madhopur and Jaipur via Phulera and from Merta, one branch line upto Bikaner and the other branch line upto Veeramgaon via Jodhpur, Samdari-Bhildi; and

(c) whether the survey in this regard has been completed and by what time the approval would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The survey has been completed and gauge conversion work on the above routes has already been taken up.

[Translation]

### Conversion of Metre Gauge Lines into Broad Gauge

1897. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of railway line in kilometres converted from metre gauge to broadgauge during the last five years and the State-wise length of railway line in kms. so converted; and

(b) the total length of railway line in Rajasthan converted from metre-gauge to broadgauge other than strategic reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A total of 550 km MG lines have been converted to BG during the last 5 years. The details are as under:—

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| (1) Suratgarh-Bikaner 178 Km—  |        |
| Rajasthan                      |        |
| (2) Moradabad—Ramnagar } 78km. | } U.P. |
| (3) Bhatni—Varanasi } 164 km   |        |
| (4) Guntur—Macherla 130 km—    |        |
| Andhra Pradesh                 |        |

(b) No line has been converted in Rajasthan on other than strategic considerations during last 5 years.

[English]

### Coal Projects during Seventh Five Year Plan

1898. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned during the Seventh Five Year Plan to different subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd.;

(b) the details of the progress and implementation of these projects; and

(c) the details of new projects the Government propose to sanction during the current financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. P. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The number of coal mining projects, each costing Rs. 2.0 crores and above, sanctioned between 1-4-85 and 31-3-90 to different subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd., are 212 envisaging a coal production capacity of 153.48 mill. ty. per annum on completion of these projects. Sanctioned capital outlay of these projects are Rs. 6659.98 crores. Subsidiary-wise details are given in the attached Statement-I.

(b) Out of 212 projects sanctioned in CIL during the Seventh plan period, 67 have since been completed. Out of the balance 145 projects, 87 are on schedule, 50 are delayed and 8 are suspended/withdrawn. Subsidiary-wise details of progress of implementation are given in the attached Statement-II.

(c) During the current financial year (1991-92), the projects listed under are in advanced stages of appraisal at the Government level for investment decisions and are likely to be sanctioned:—

(i)	Bakulia U/G,	FCL	(0.96 mty)
(ii)	Ananta-OC,	SECL	(4.0 mty)
(iii)	Kalinga Integrated Mine-cum-Beneficiation project	SECL	(8.0 mty)